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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Office Action of June 19, 1990, please make the following amendments to the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 to 14 and insert the following new claims:

31. In the method for the electropheretic analysis of oligonucleotide fragments produced in sequencing operations, the improvement which comprises providing tagged oligonucleotide fragments having at least one chromophore or fluorophore, said chromophore or fluorophore being distinguishable by its spectral characteristics, and detecting said fragments by means of the

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